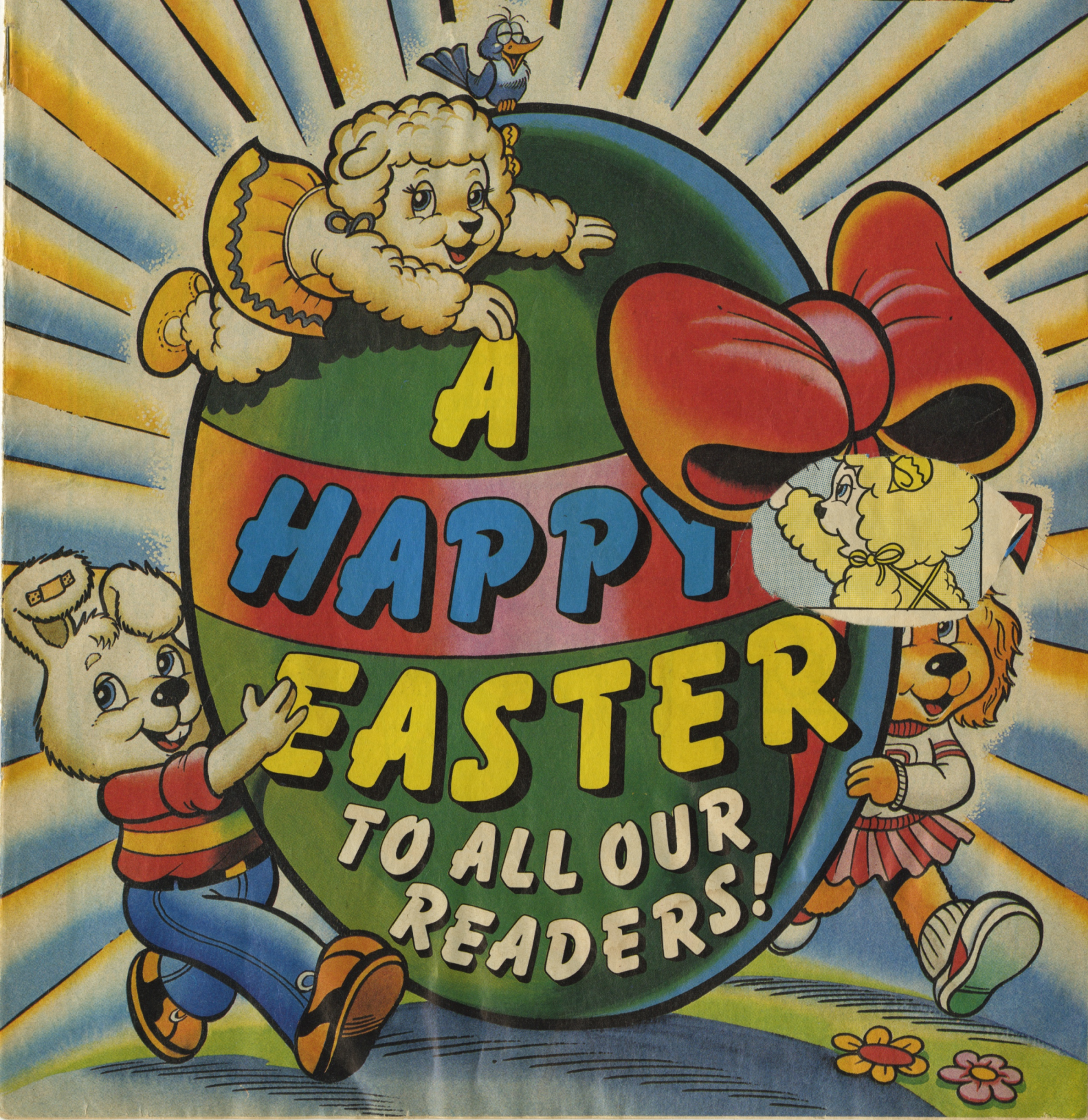


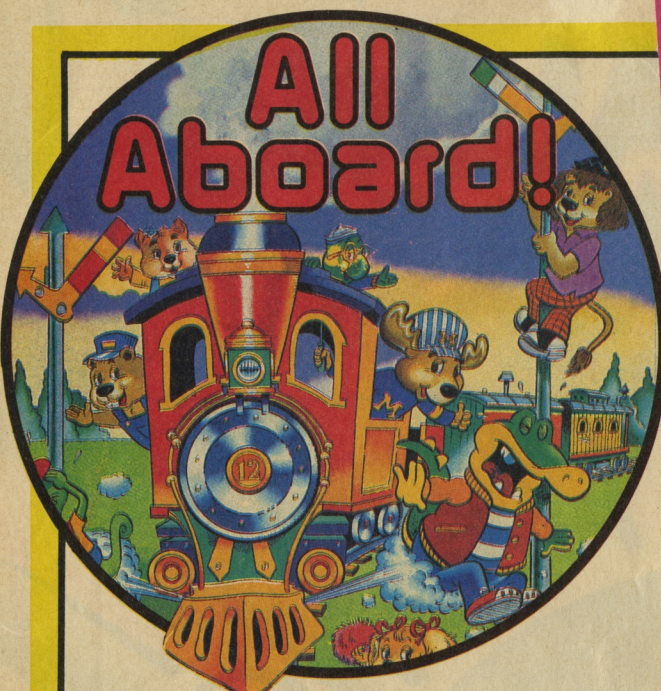
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HI GANG!
 Welcome to a really egg-citing issue! Easter's here at last and that means that it's really springtime! Zipper's overjoyed because it means that he can go for a jog without returning to the Caboose all damp and mud splattered! Bingo's cleaned his bicycle, Dotty's got her pom-poms out and Portia's prickles are really starting to gleam again! We're busy making Easter presents for all our friends and relations in Green Meadow - why not join us? There are some great ideas in this week's fun-packed comic.
Montgomery

Read on...

GANG PROJECT

EGG PAINTING WITH DOTTY!



Take a fresh egg and carefully pierce two holes in it with a pin. Make one small hole at the top and a larger one at the bottom.

Hold the egg gently and blow down the smaller hole, forcing the contents of the egg out through the larger hole into a bowl.

Now your egg is empty you are ready to paint the shell. Be careful - it will break very easily.

With a fine brush you can paint all sorts of pretty patterns. Let your egg dry. You now have a pretty egg. It will make a super Easter present!



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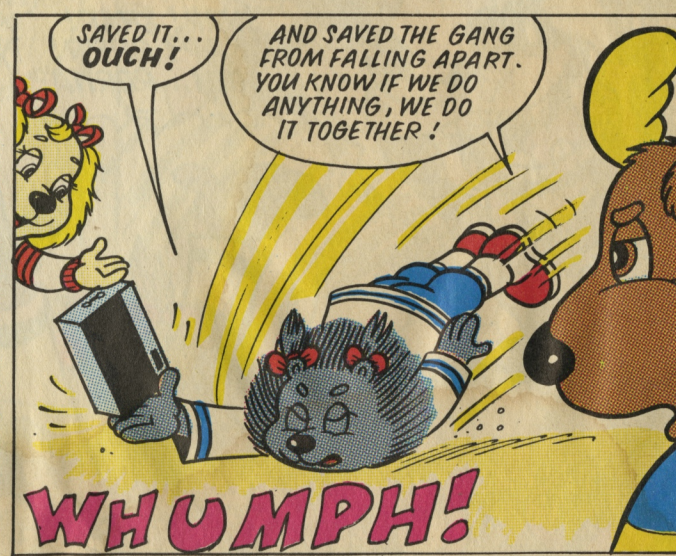
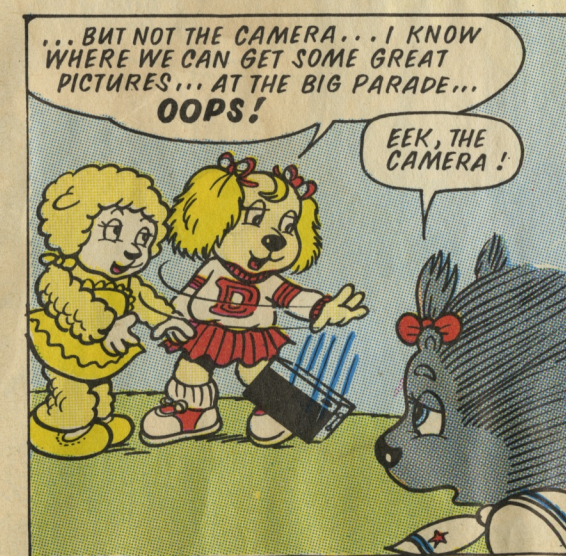
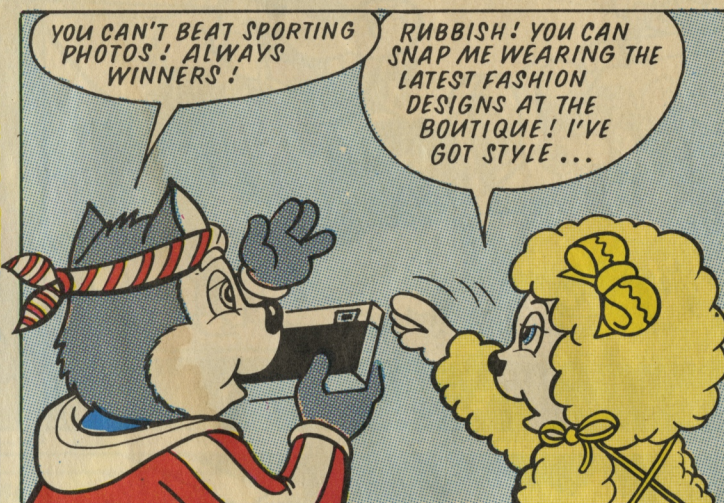
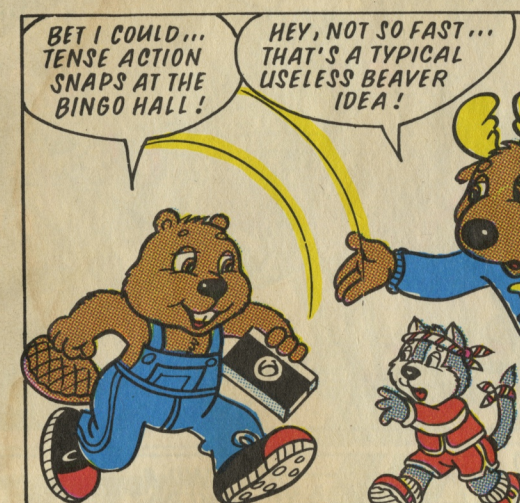
Free Gift!

The start of a great new full-colour wall frieze for you to collect. Make your frieze grow week by week and really add a zing to your bedroom!
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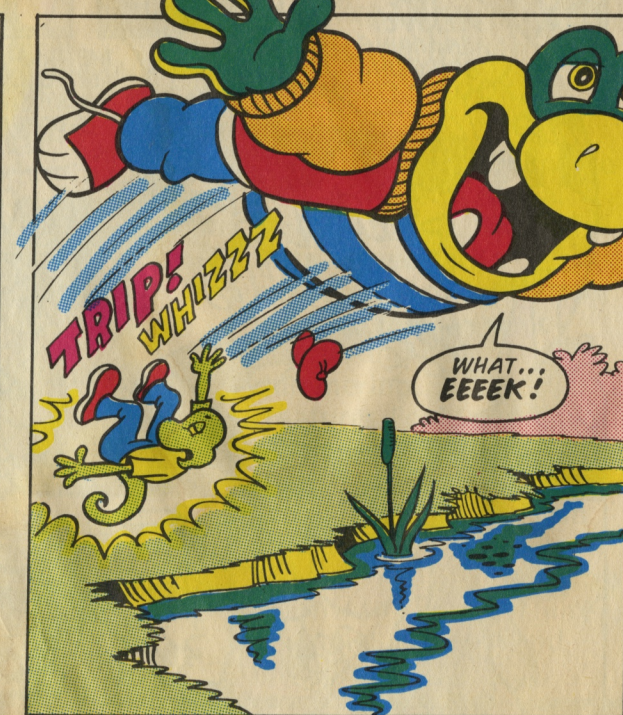
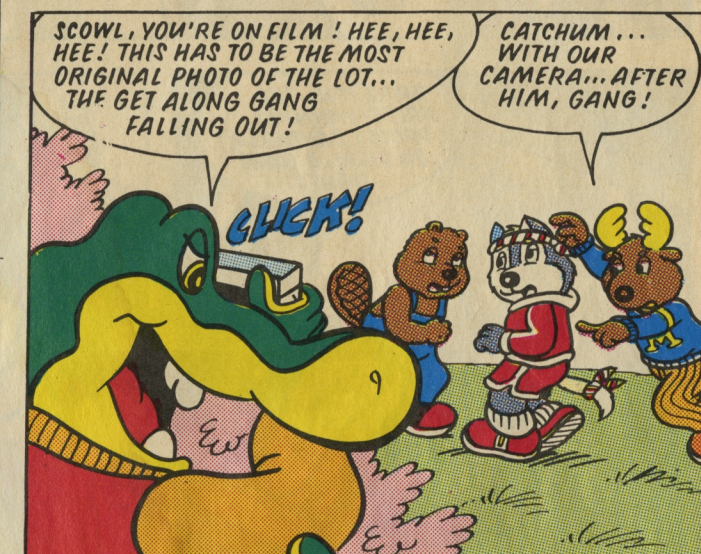
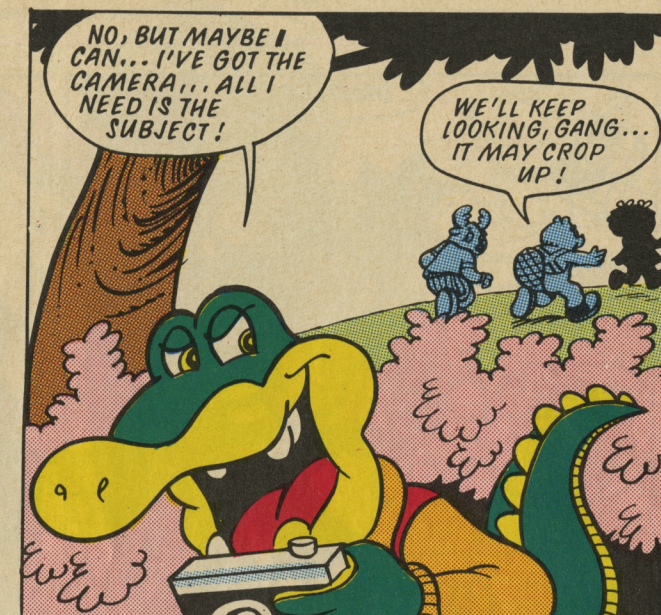
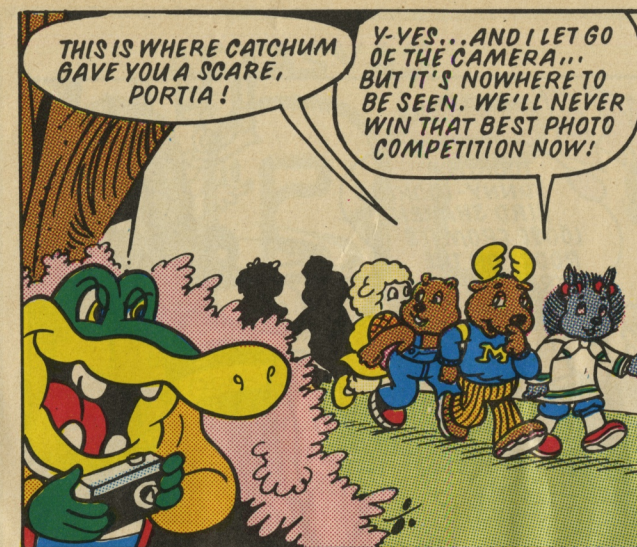
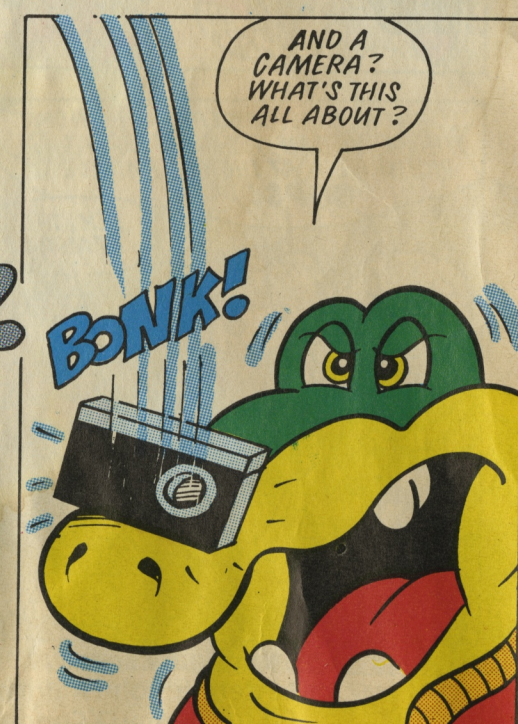
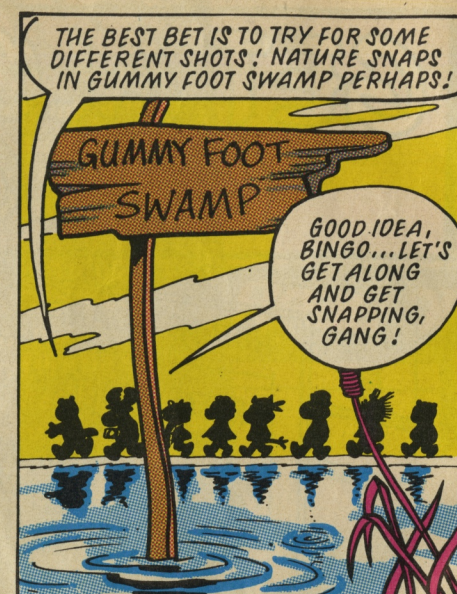
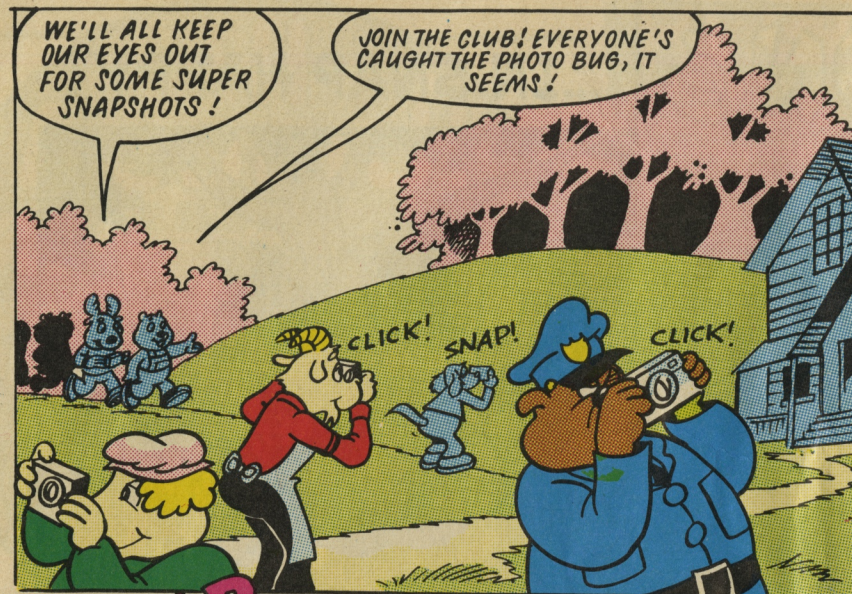
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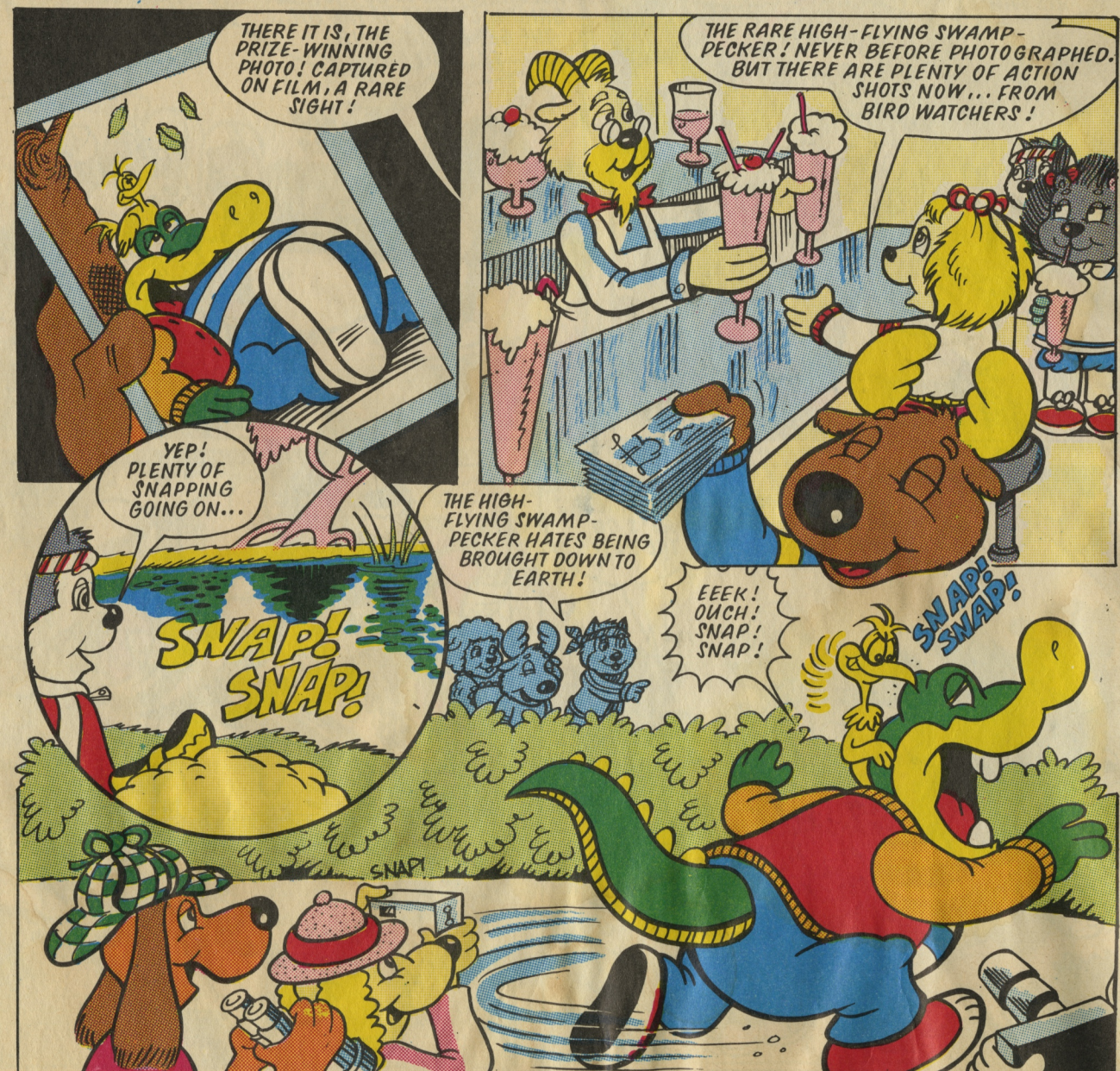
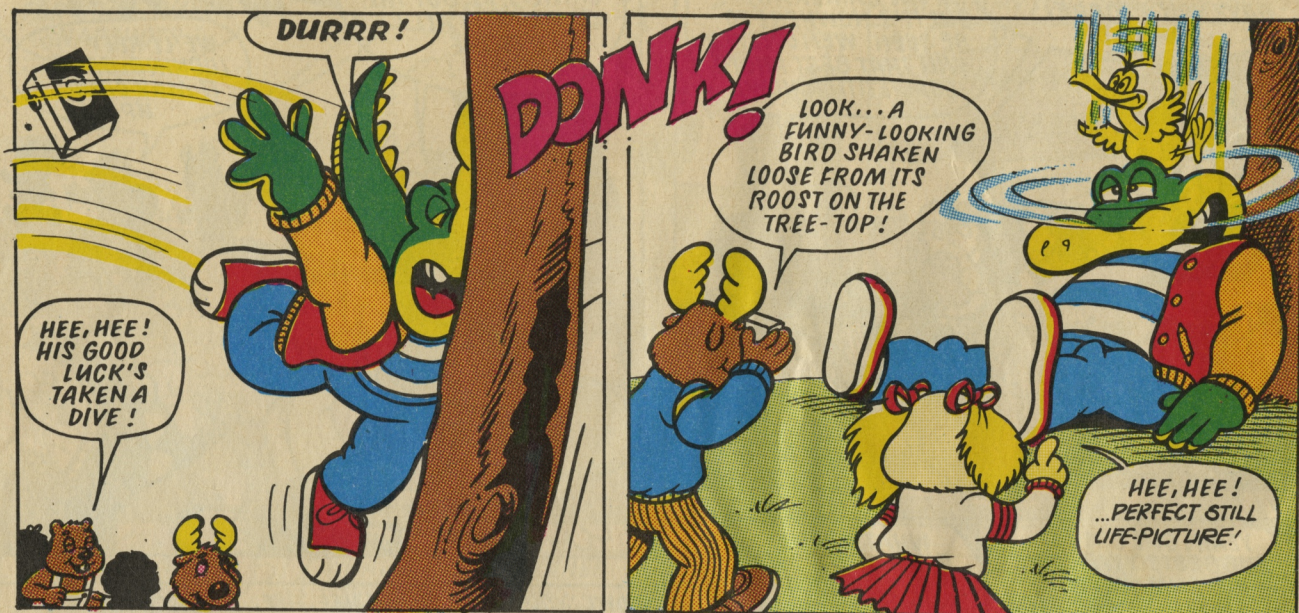
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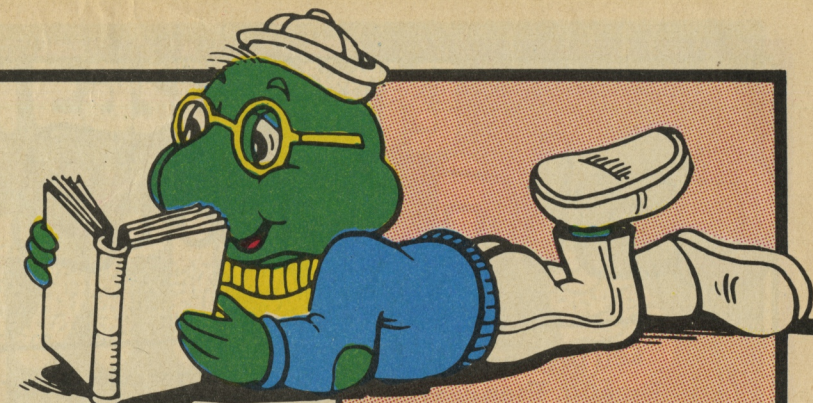


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book choice

Queenie An Old English name meaning *companion, wife*. It was also sometimes used as a nickname for Queen Victoria. Also **Quanda, Quinn**.

Quirinal This is a very unusual name and comes from an old Roman myth. No one in the Gang has ever heard of this name!

Querida A name given to people who ask and show interest.

Quebble This is a name that Portia made up for her pet hamster!

Quinta From the Latin word for *fifth*. It was often used for the fifth child born into a family. It used to be very popular in Scotland.

Quentin The boy form of **Quinta**. Also **Quincy, Quintus**.



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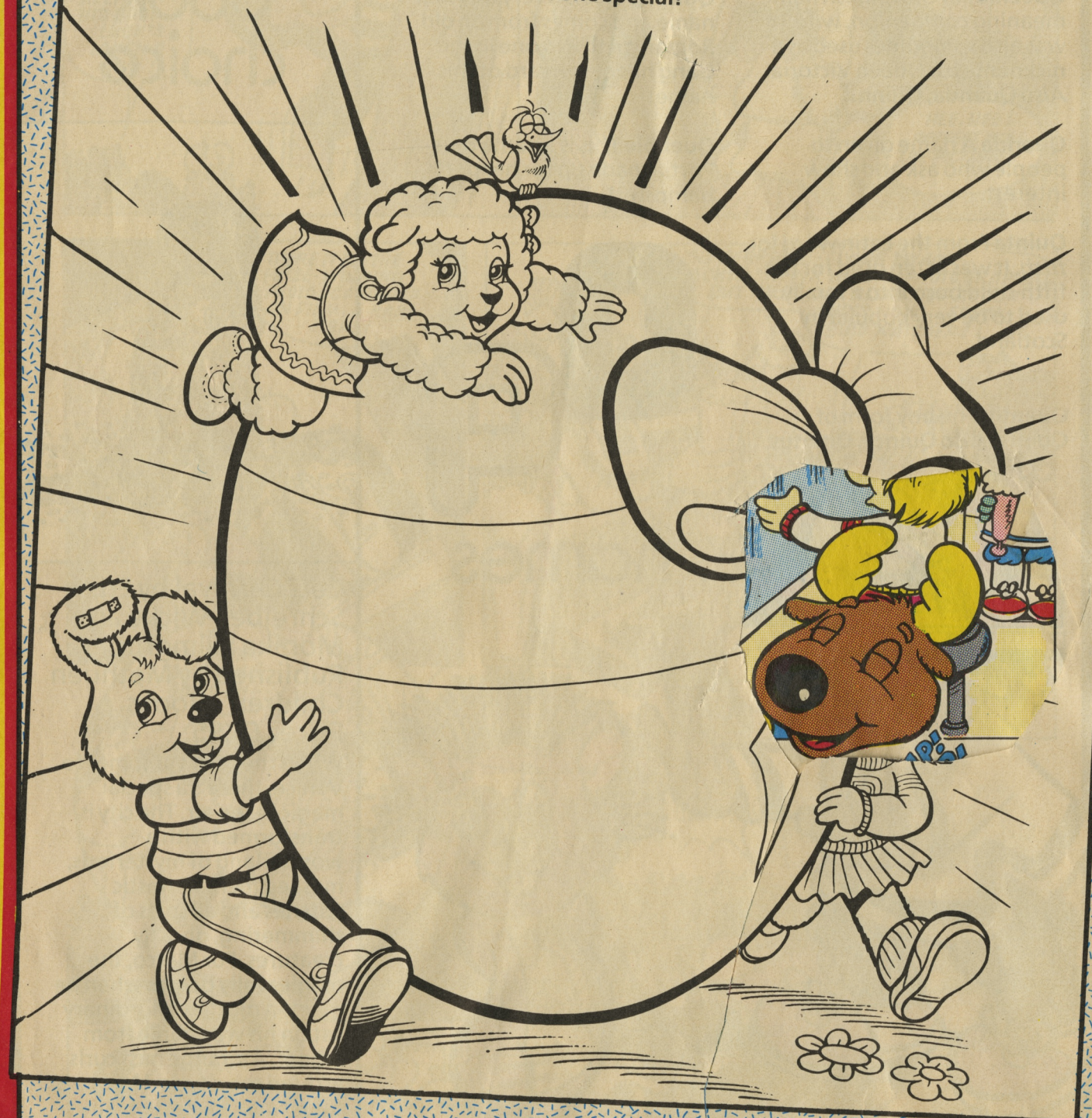


Cats Carnival by Edith Schreiber-Wicke and Monika Laimgruber. Published by Methuen Children's Books. Price: £5.95.

When the carnival comes to Venice, there's a special magic in the air. The city is transformed with a wonderland of mysterious, masked men, fantastic witches and all sorts of shimmering, ghostly creatures. For Marco, the magic really begins when he meets a most extraordinary cat on his way home from school. A strange mist curls around the city and Marco is taken into a world of fairy tales, picture books and fabulous spells.

Colouring Chaos!

Felt pens and colours ready? Why not write your own special message on this bumper Easter Egg. Then cut out this page and glue it on to the front of a piece of card for you to give to someone special!



Make an Easter Egg Surprise!



To make Monty's Easter Egg you will need tissue paper, glue, and ribbon.

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First blow-up a small egg shaped balloon.



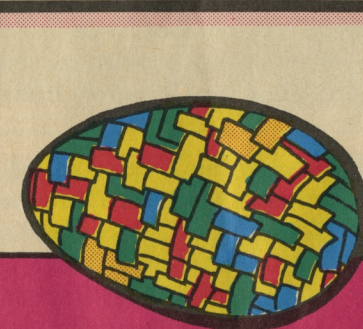
Take several sheets of coloured tissue paper and cut them up into small strips.



Put a layer of vaseline over the balloon. Carefully lay the strips all over the balloon.



Add some glue and build up the layers until the balloon is completely covered.



Continue doing this until the balloon has at least 3 layers of tissue paper.



Leave your balloon to dry for 3 hours. Then take a pin and pop the balloon.



Remove the balloon from the egg shell by carefully cutting a small hole.



Carefully cut the egg shell in half. Put some chocolate surprises inside your egg.



Put your egg together tying it with your ribbon. You now have a super Easter gift to give!



Thousands of kids are already members and you can join too! Speak to your Mum or Dad about joining to make sure they think it's a good idea as well. For a membership fee of only £2.50 membership is given for 12 months from the date of joining.

You will receive the Get Along Gang Official Membership Kit packed full of fun – a kit folder, a membership certificate & badge, a full set of 12 character picture cards, a newsletter from Montgomery "Good News" Moose and the Gang, a Club Rule Book containing details on how to start a Get Along Gang Club in your area with membership cards for your friends. The kit also contains the secret club code and a free miniature Get Along Gang character toy.

During the year Montgomery Moose will send your newsletters to let you know about the goings on at Green Meadow, he'll be suggesting fun things to do and setting exciting competitions – remember to let us know your birthday so Montgomery "Good News" Moose can include a super Get Along Gang birthday card.

FREE!

MINIATURE TOY
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**A FUN CLUB FOR KIDS
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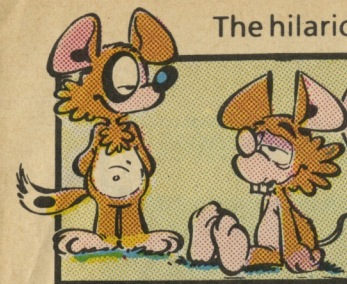
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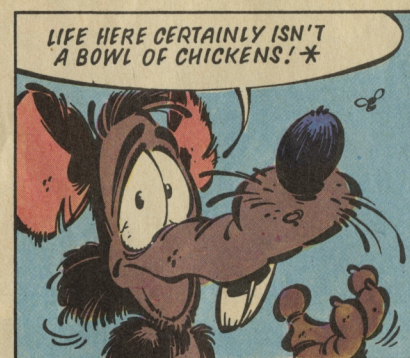
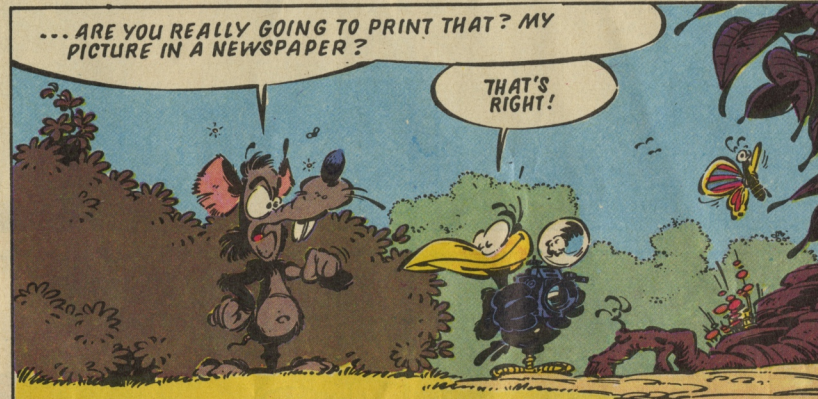
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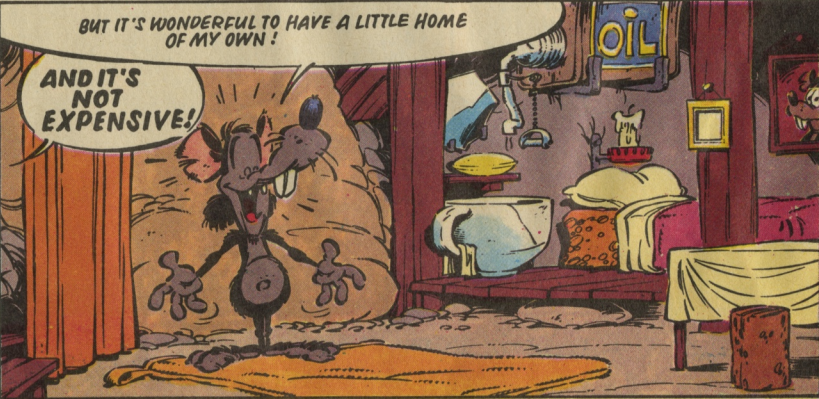
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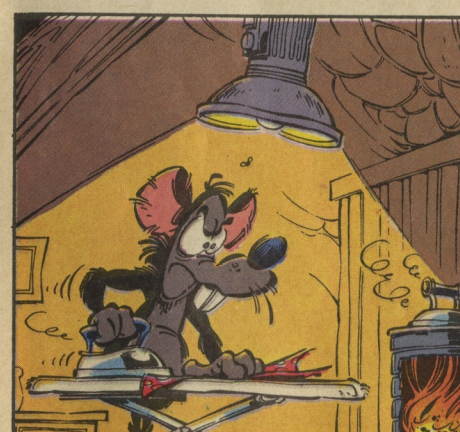
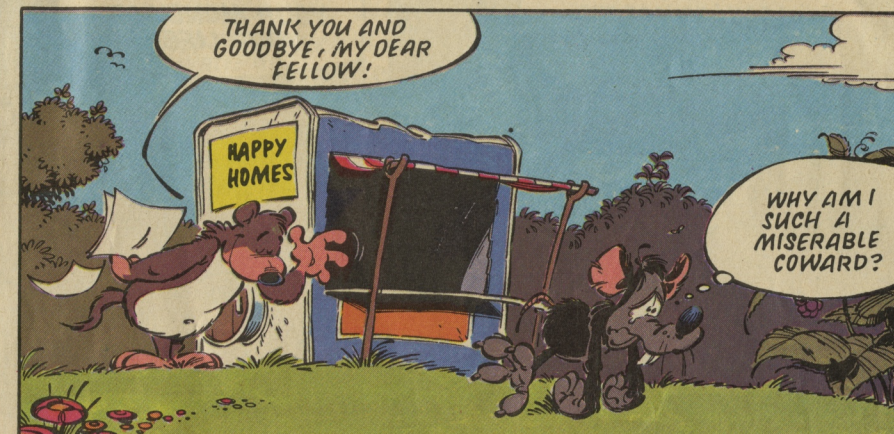
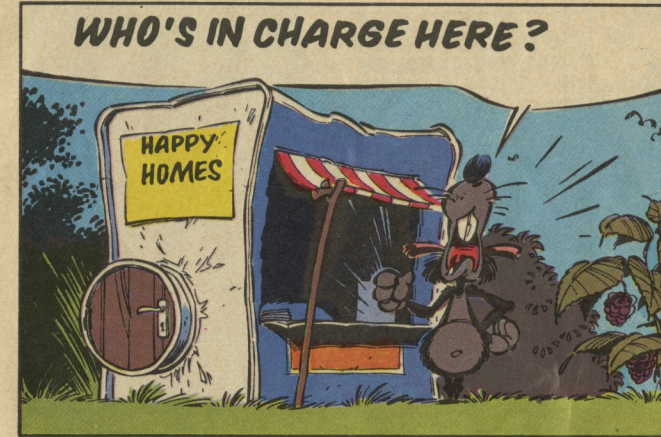
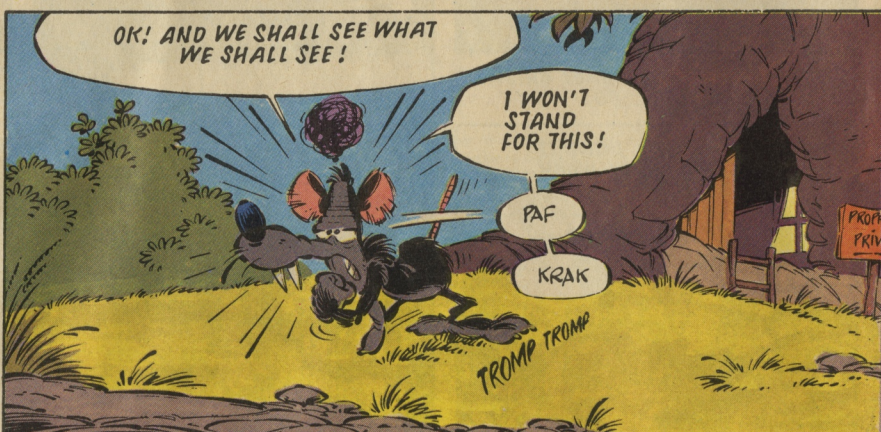
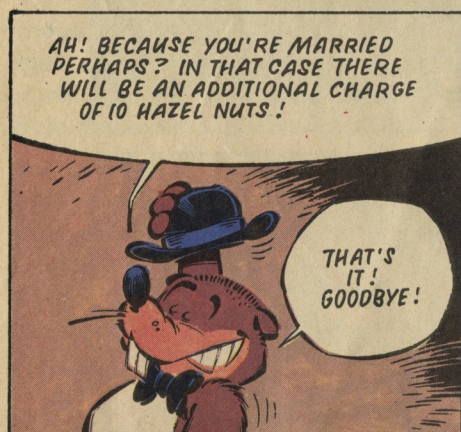
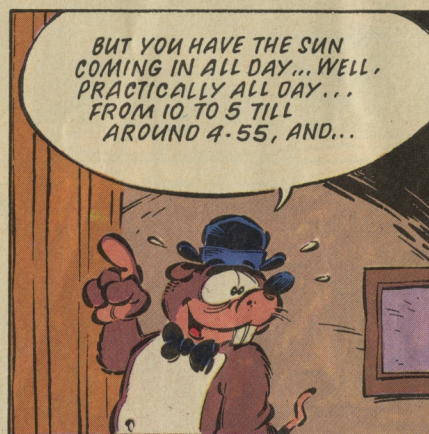
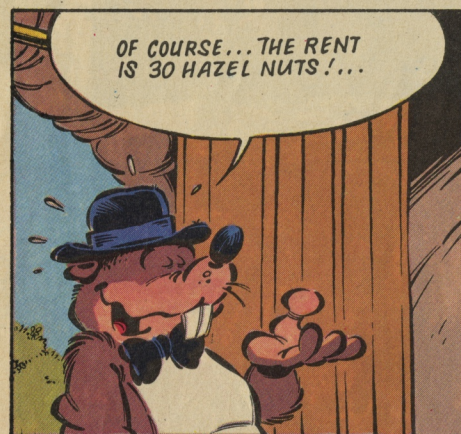
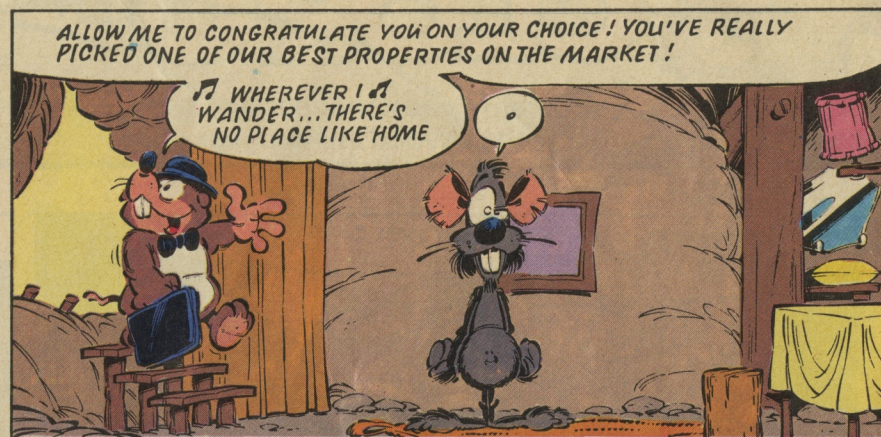
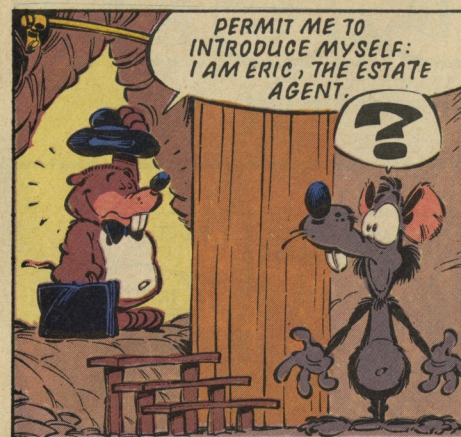
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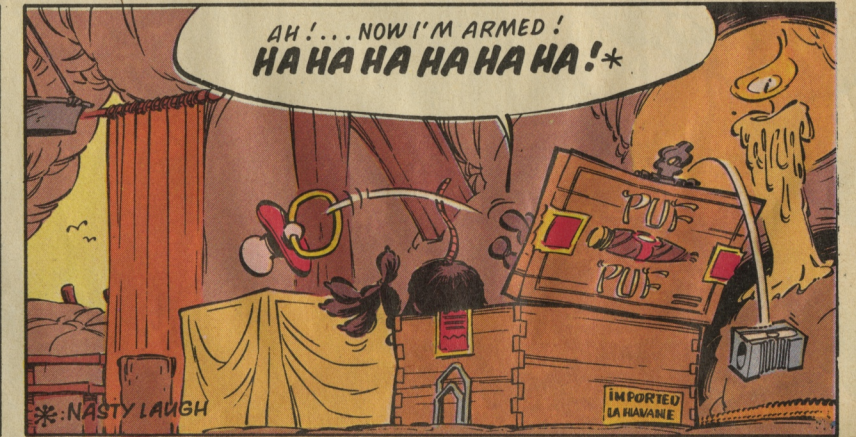
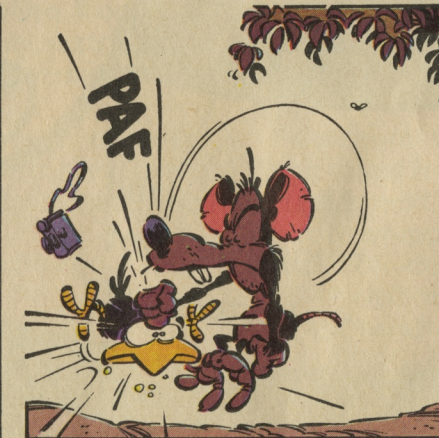
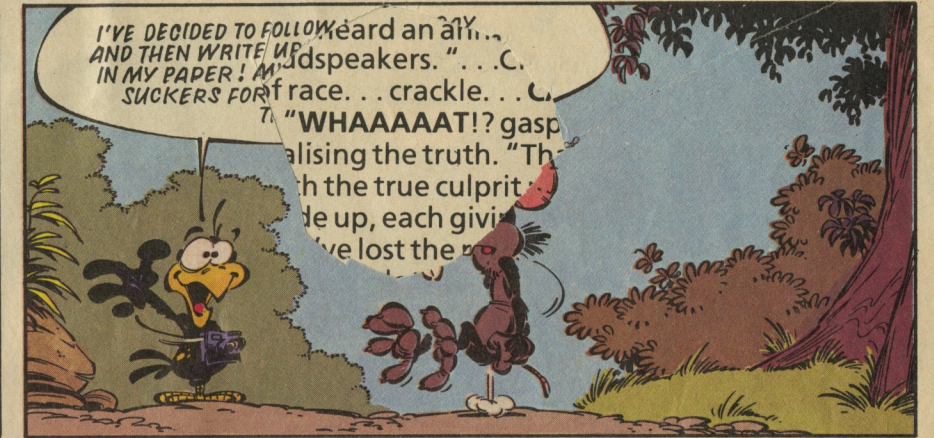
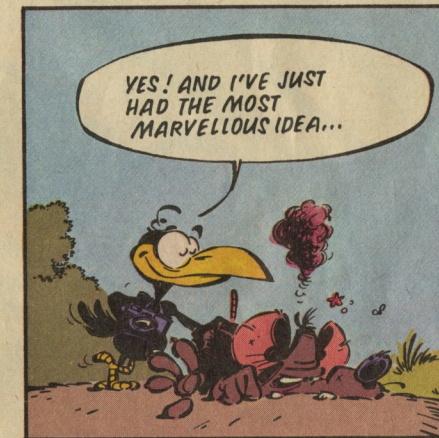
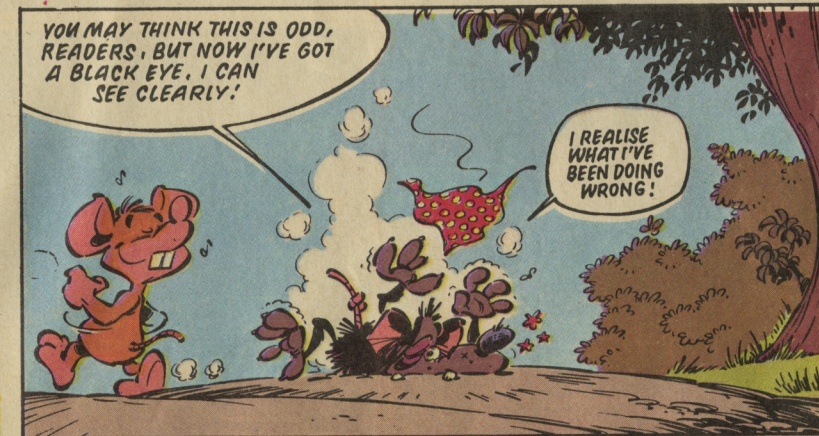
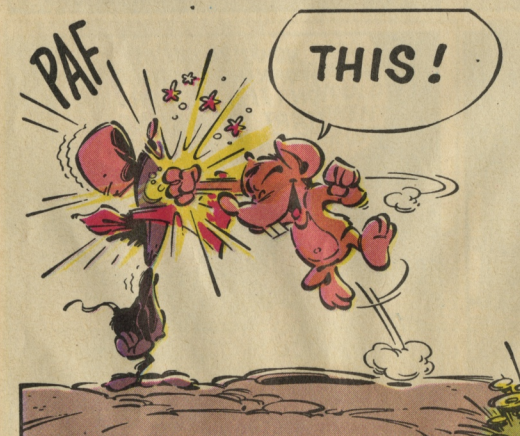
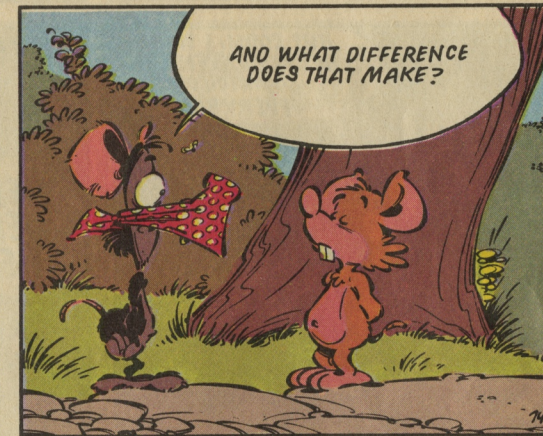
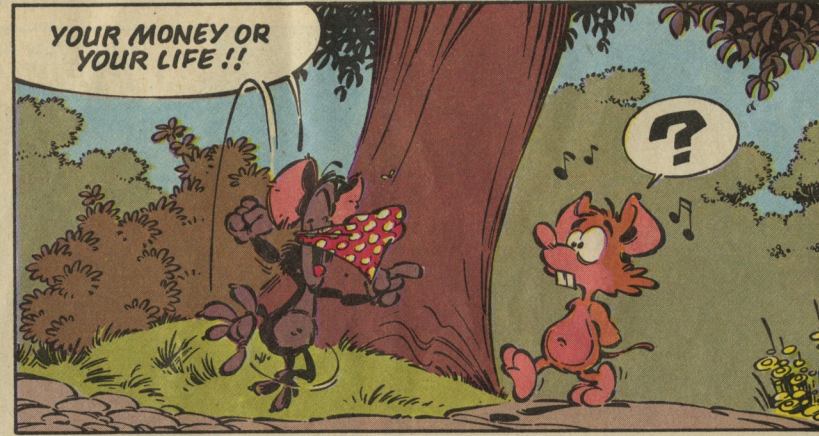
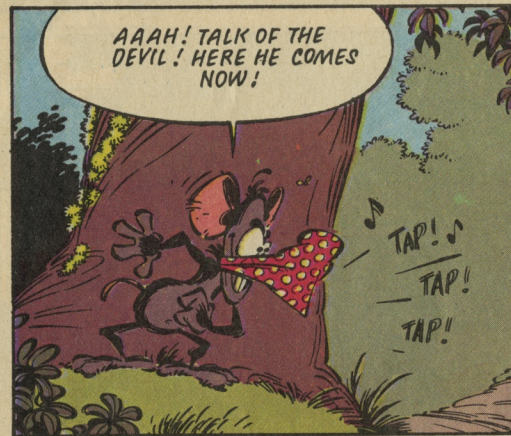
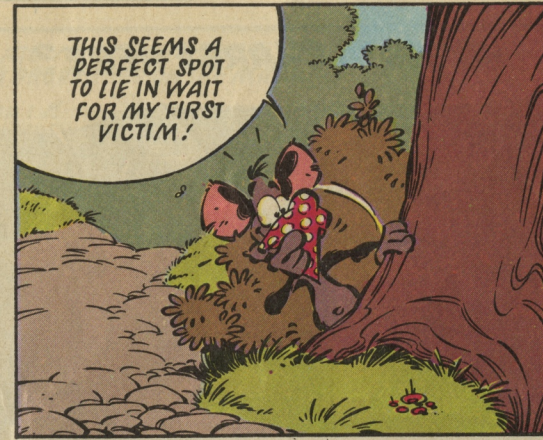
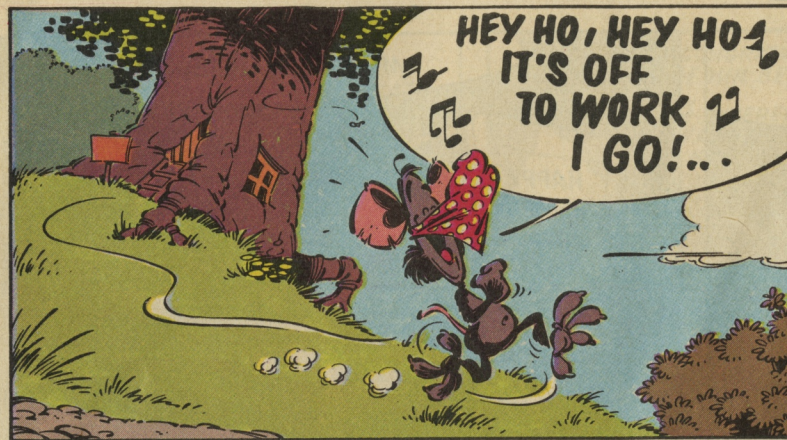


* THE RAT PREFERS ROAST CHICKEN TO CHERRIES. ED.



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Roll up for...

The Great Egg Race!

By John Gatehouse



Monster-sized
egg-citement
on Easter Day!

Easter in Green Meadow means the annual Easter Egg Rolling Race. All competitors have to roll their eggs down a steep hill and the egg that reaches the bottom first is declared the winner.

"I'm going to win," grinned Montgomery good-naturedly, leading the Gang to the top of the hill.

"Rhubarb," smiled Dotty. "My egg will win me the giant Easter basket of chocolate eggs. *Sluurrrrp!*"

"They're both wrong," Catchum nudged Leland, following behind the Gang. "We're gonna win. I've hatched a scheme that'll leave the Gang with egg on their faces! HAW!" He handed Leland a small remote-control box. "Go and hide somewhere."

"Right, boss," nodded Leland. He knew his friend was up to something dastardly. After all, whoever heard of Catchum entering a race without cheating?

There were so many competitors in the race that the Gang hadn't noticed Catchum. They were too busy squabbling over who should have which egg.

"I wanted that one," Rocco sulked, trying to snatch an egg off Rudyard. Portia was trying to do the same with Braker. "Your egg's bigger than mine," she whined. The Gang had collected the eggs from the Caboose that morning, where they had been kept in a box overnight. But in the rush to get to the race they hadn't chosen their eggs. Now, of course, they all wanted the biggest.

"Look at those egg-heads squabbling. If only they knew," Catchum cackled happily, watching the Gang. "I'm so nasty I almost despise myself!"

"GO!" shouted Officer Growler, who was race judge, and everyone pushed their eggs down the hill and then chased after them.

"Hey! Come back!" Rocco cried as his egg bounced down the hill.

"A rubber egg?! Disqualified for cheating!" shouted Growler. This made Rocco very cross indeed. Catchum stood at the top of the hill, still holding his egg. He watched Rocco trying to catch his bouncing egg, getting very hot and bothered. "I've heard of hot cross buns. . . but he's a hot cross bunny!"

"PSSST! CATCHUM!" called Leland from behind a bush. "You haven't rolled your egg yet. You'll lose the race."

"No, I won't," Catchum smirked. "Wait and see."

Braker's egg had exploded giving off a horrible pong. "Pooh! My egg's off!" he gagged, turning a funny shade of green. Well, funnier than his usual shade of green, that is.

Montgomery's egg wouldn't move at all. "No wonder! It's a stone!" he snorted angrily. Bingo, Dotty, Rudyard and Lolly watched in disbelief as their eggs ran into each other and stopped. They didn't know that the eggs had tiny powerful

magnets inside, attracting them together.

"Ha! I sneaked into the Caboose last night and swapped the Gang's eggs for trick eggs," Catchum hooted. "Okay, Leland, turn on the control box!"

Catchum let go of his egg and as it fell to the ground it began to hum. Then it took off like a rocket down the hill.

WHOOOOOOOOOOOSSSSSSHHH! It streaked past all the other eggs and rolled over the winning line first.

The Gang were too busy blaming each other for losing to see who had won.

"Someone sabotaged my egg!" Rocco accused his friends.

"I was given a trick one!" yelled Dotty.

"Mine was made of rubber!" cried Rocco, still very cross.

They were all about to storm off in a huff when they heard an announcement over the loudspeakers. ". . . Crackle. . . winner. . . crackle. . . of race. . . crackle. . . **CATCHUM CROCODILE!**"

"**WHAAAAAT!?**" gasped Montgomery, already realising the truth. "That explains everything!" With the true culprit revealed the Gang quickly made up, each giving the other a get-along hug. "We've lost the race but if we're quick, Catchum will lose a lot more," smiled Dotty. They raced back to the Caboose to put their plan into action.

"**C**oo! We won!" gurgled Leland happily, not quite believing it. He walked beside Catchum, carrying the basket of eggs which Catchum was gaily scoffing.

"Yeah, my motorised egg fooled everyone," Catchum nodded, stuffing his mouth with another egg.

"Catchum! We've got something for you!" the Gang called from up the street. They were standing next to a monster-sized, prettily-wrapped *papier-maché* egg, almost as big as a double-decker bus. They had worked hard on it all afternoon. With a mighty push, they sent the egg rolling after Catchum.

"**YURRGLE!**" Catchum spluttered, trying to leap out of the way.

SPLAAAAAAATT! The egg rolled over Catchum knocking him to the ground.

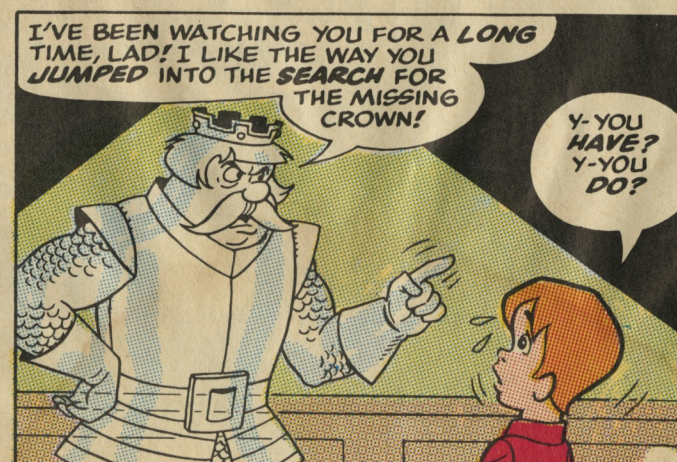
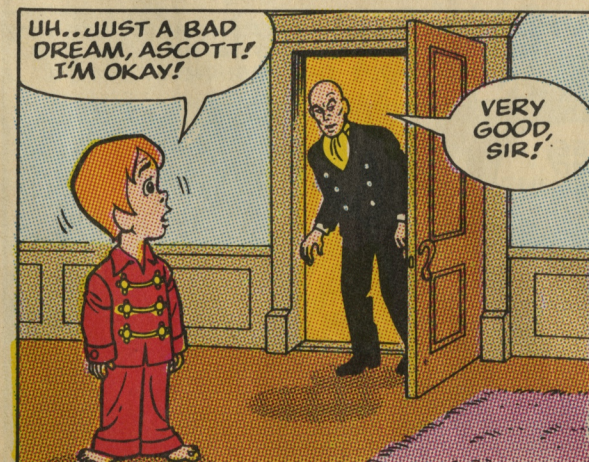
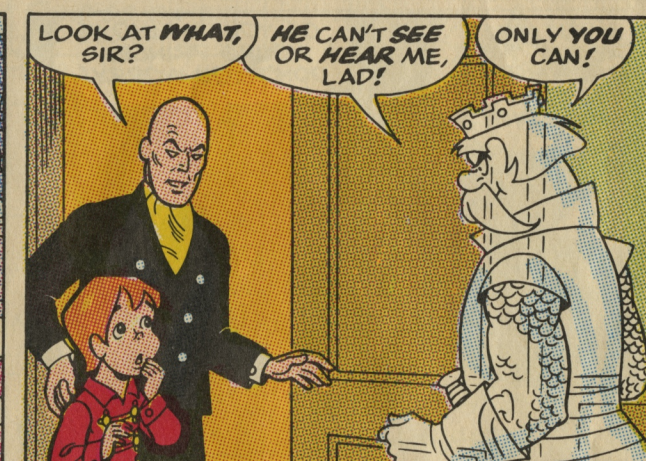
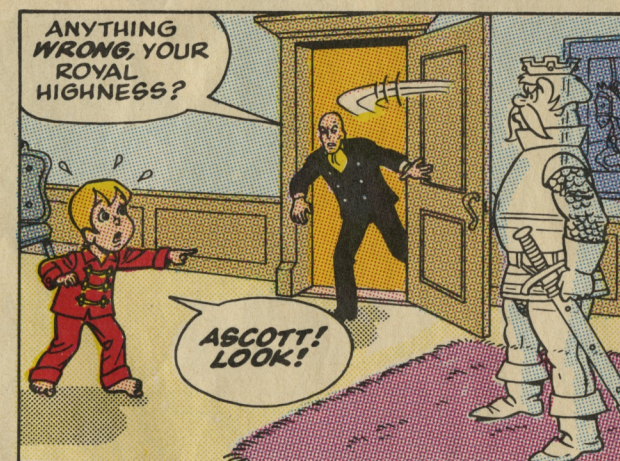
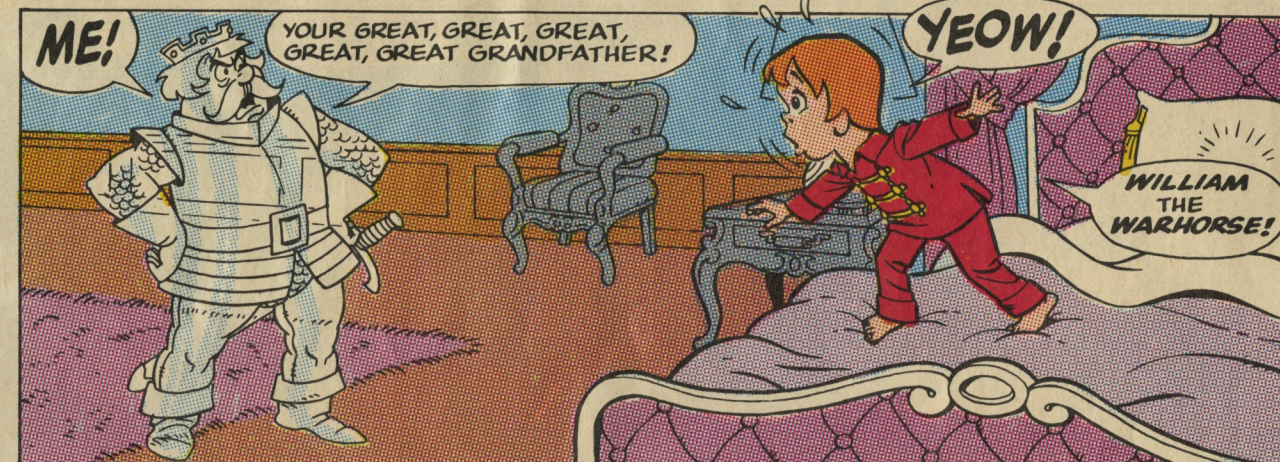
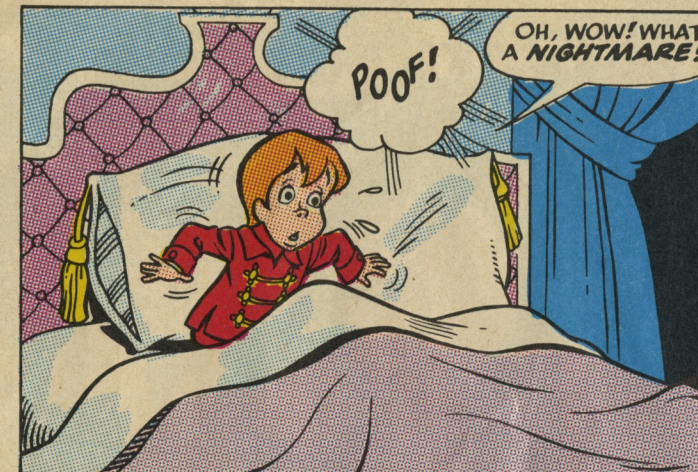
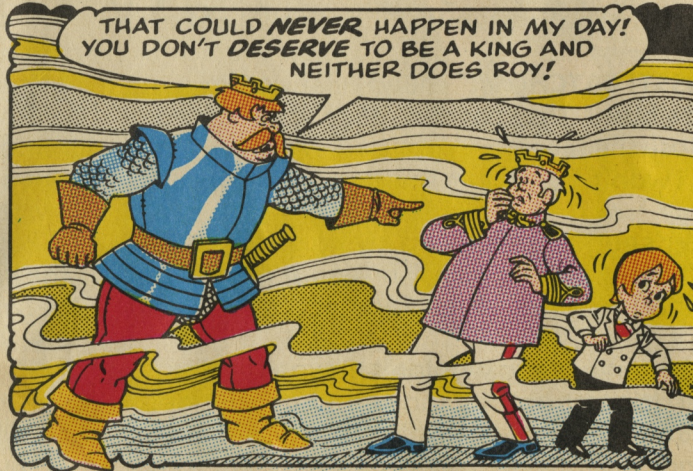
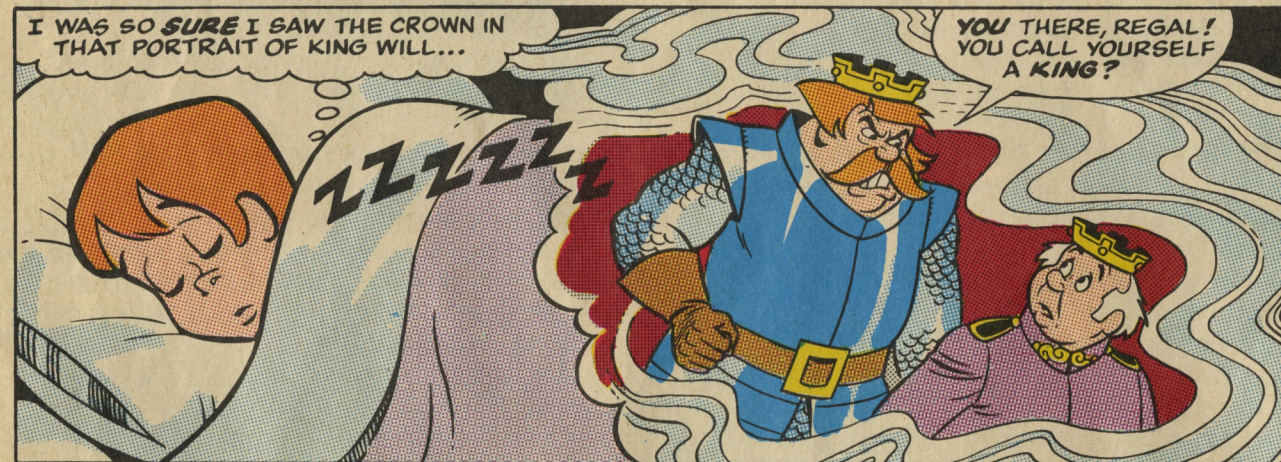
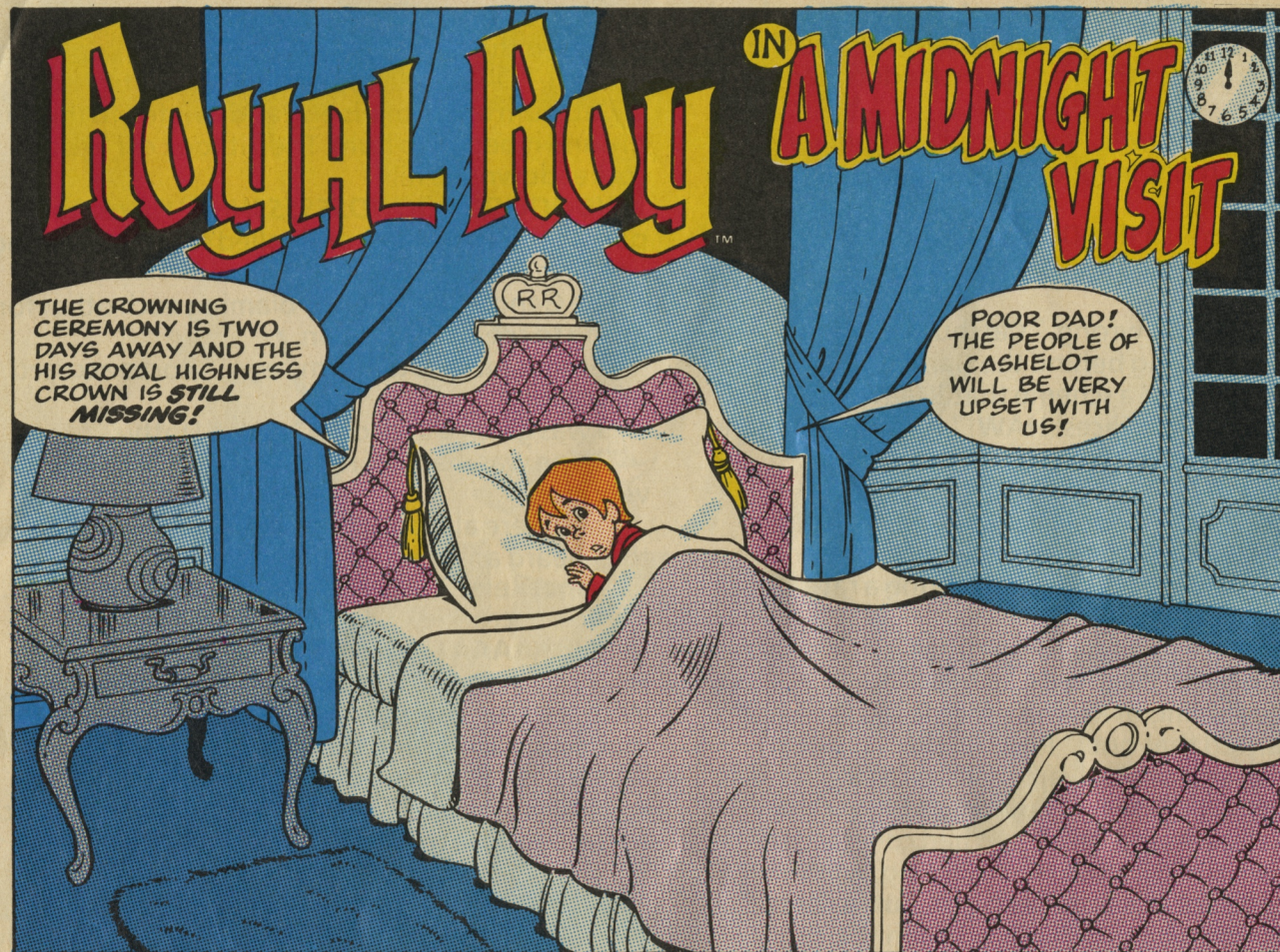
"I saw that!" roared Officer Growler, who was out on patrol. He glared at the Gang. "I saw you attack that innocent lad."

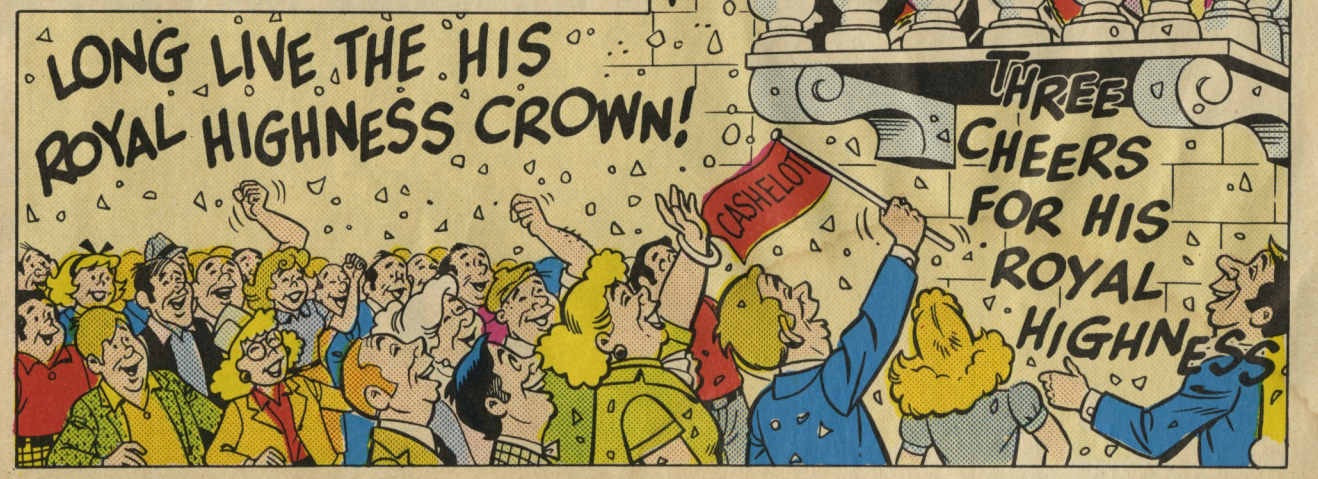
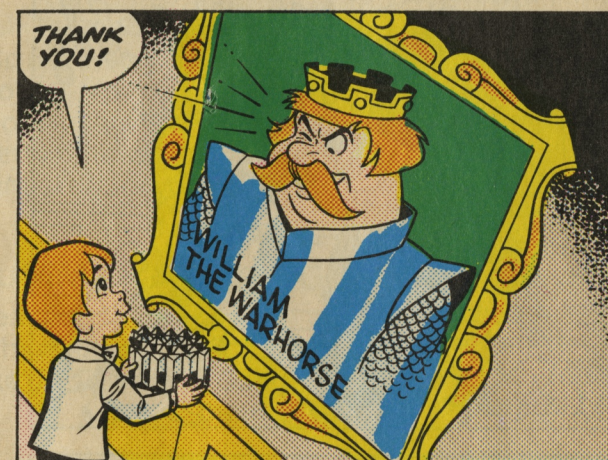
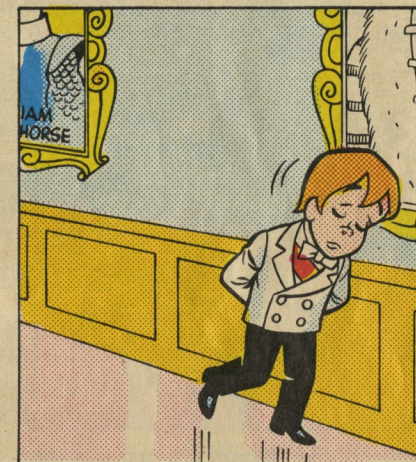
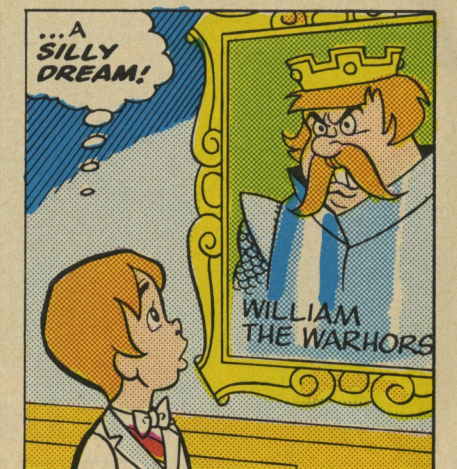
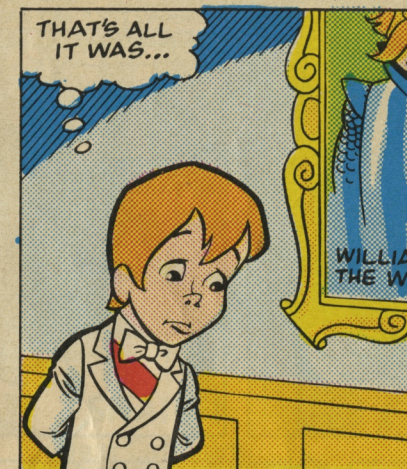
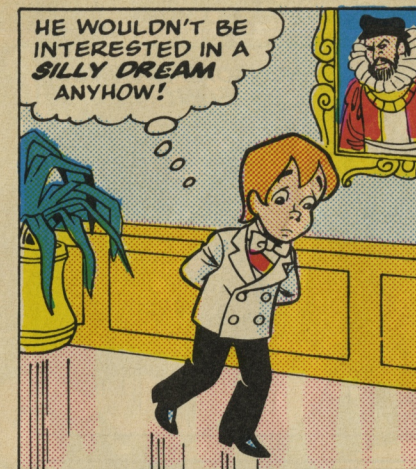
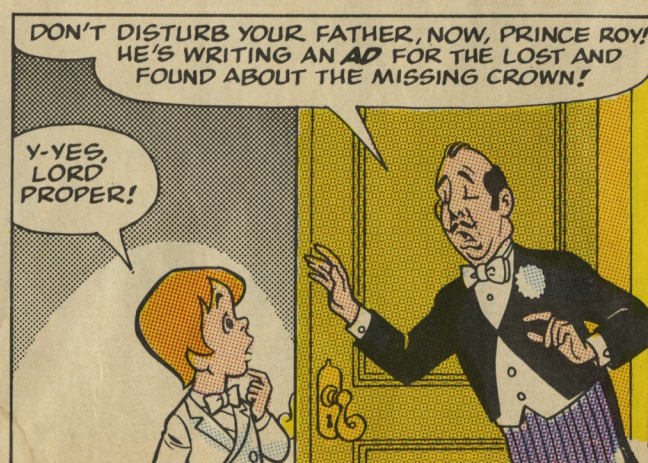
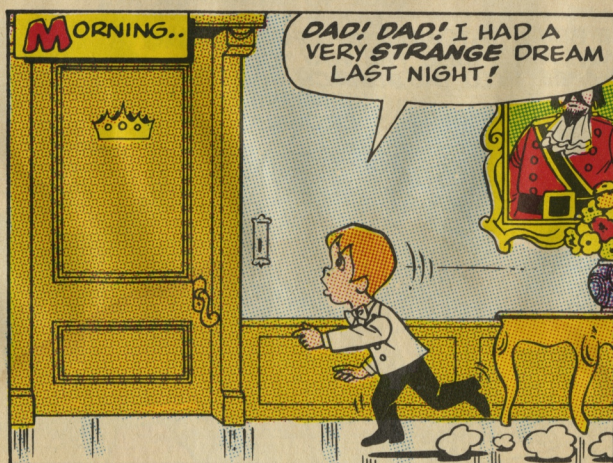
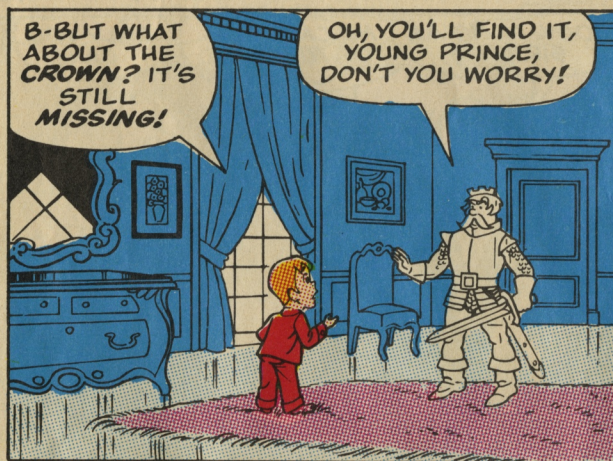
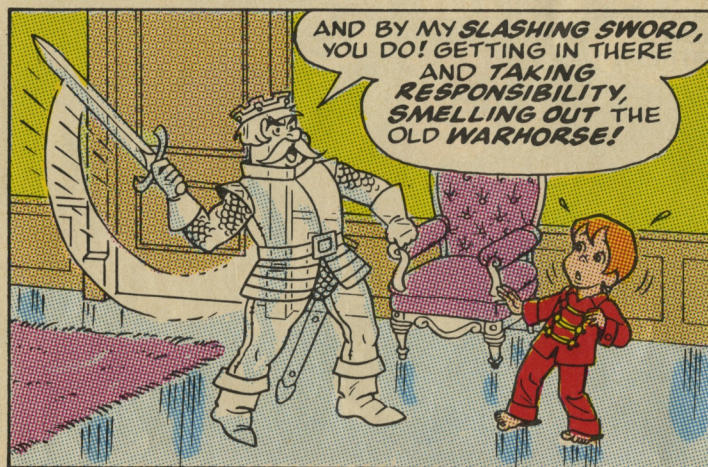
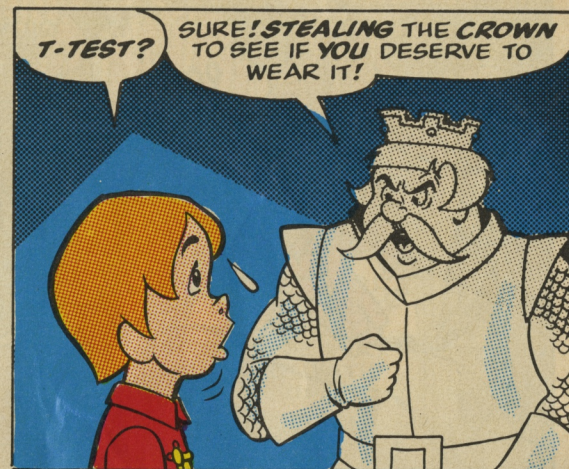
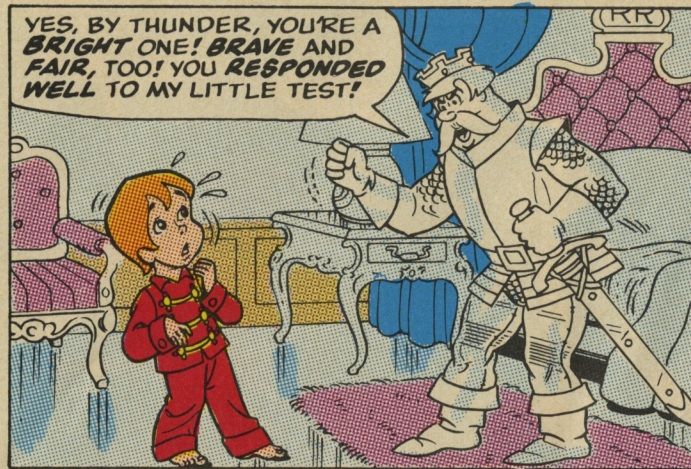
"Innocent?" scoffed Rudyard, pointing to the remote-control box and trick egg that had fallen out of the flattened Catchum's pocket. "This swizzer cheated everyone out of the race prize."

Poor Catchum. Not only did he have to give back the basket of eggs which Officer Growler shared between all the other race competitors, Growler also went with him to see his parents.

"Catchum's an **EGGS**-ample to us all not to cheat," Montgomery smiled, tucking into his chocolate egg.

"**EGGS**-actly!" chorused the Gang in fits of giggles.







Next week: Top Dog's back!

LETTERS TO

GUMMY FOOT SWAMP

SNAILS!

Dear Catchum,
I think you're funny! I like it when you boss Leland around. He's cute! Could I ask you if you like fresh snails because I'm going to France soon and I wondered if they taste nice?

Chemene Sutton.

Take it from me – snails are yummy!

DOTTY'S TOOTH-BRUSH

Dear Catchum,
Please could you tell me the colour of Dotty Dog's toothbrush.

Amy Brookes.

I asked her for you and she told me that she always chooses red toothbrushes because they go with her pretty ribbons. Yuch – the things I do for you readers!

GUMMYFOOT GANG

Dear Catchum,
Why don't you start a gang like the Get Along Gang?

Dean Walsh.

Because I haven't got any friends. Leland doesn't count!

If you would like a birthday request in your favourite comic then please send in your details on a postcard to:

BIRTHDAY REQUESTS,
Get Along Gang,
Marvel Comics,
23 Redan Place, Bayswater,
London W2 4SA.

We regret that we cannot print any requests unless we are given at least 7 weeks notice!

Braker Turtle would like to thank all the children who sent him birthday cards and lovely presents!

BIRTHDAY PEOPLE!

SATURDAY

Francesca Timms who will be 4, Daddy Bryan who will be 38, Melissa Berney who will be 9, Louise Routen who will be 10, Katherine Oglesby who will be 9, Jennifer Hayes who will be 3, Wendy Cahoon who will be 10, Kerry Hamm who will be 10 and Kelly Watts and Helen Pudsey.

EASTER SUNDAY

Dean Claydon who will be 9, Denine Fleming who will be 4, Helen de Louvois who will be 8, Christopher Lewis who will be 5, Angelica Johnson who will be 9, Sarah Richardson who will be 8, Gemma Darby who will be 8, Alexander Rodney who will be 4, John Jackson who will be 4 and Sarah Pearson who will be 4.

MONDAY

Justine Phillips who will be 5, Tanya who will be 9, Deborah Goodman who will be 10, Jonathan Leadbeater who will be 8, Debbie Fallowfield who will be 9, Gillian Stafford who will be 10, Carol Ward who will be 13, Fay Parker who will be 9.

TUESDAY

Helen Jarvis who will be 10, Sarah Taylor who will be 6 and Christopher's mum.

WEDNESDAY

Natalie Duncan who will be 4 and Ben Slaughter who will be 2.

THURSDAY

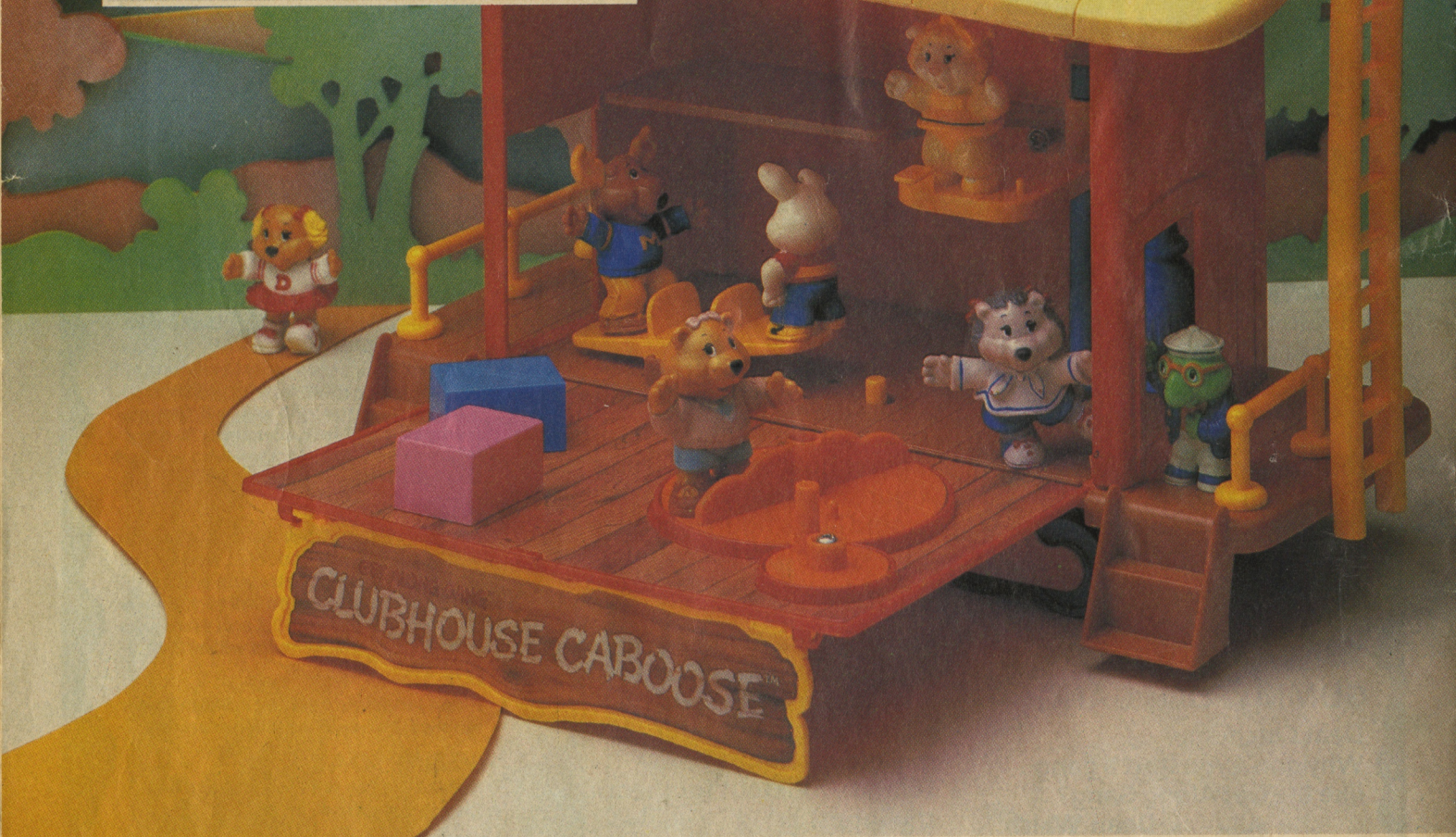
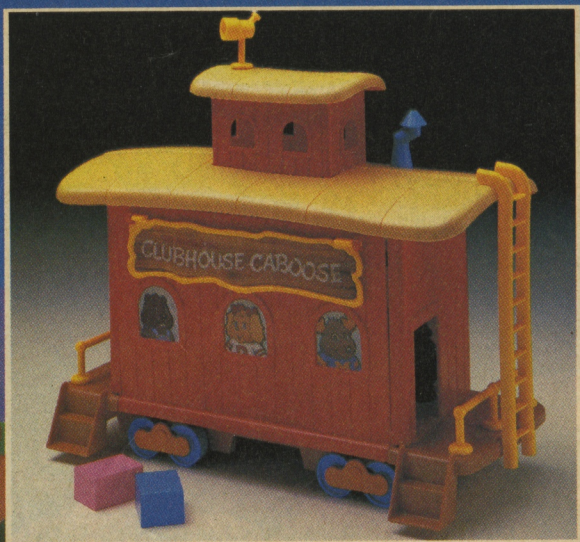
Andy Ward who will be 6, Paul Critoph who will be 6, Chawupi Kalinga from Malawi who will be 7, William Egarr who will be 7.

FRIDAY

Julie's dad, Nicola Adams who will be 8, Wyn Meiron Jones who will be 5, Jennifer Hall who will be 8, Owain Southwell who will be 8 and Kelly-Anne Davies who will be 3.

Special belated returns to Nicola Shanks who was 5 on March 18th.

Write to:- Mr.C.Crocodile.
Gummyfoot Swamp.
Marvel Comics.
23.Redan Place.
London W2 4SA.



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